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TOPIC Military Information from Little Wallachia

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REMARKS

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1. A military conference, held in Craiova (R 33/34/A 83) on 13 and 14 April 1950, was attended by Minister of National Defense Bodnaras, the Chief of General Staff and officers of the Rumanian I Army Corps * and its subordinate units, down to and including regimental and battalion commanders.
2. Some of the Rumanian troops who had been moved to the area SE of Craiova as far as the Danube River some time ago were withdrawn from that area at the beginning of April 1950. ** It was said that small Soviet detachments were still stationed in the towns of Corabia (R 33/34/G 37), Bachet (R 33/34/F 97) and Calafat (R 23/24/A 10). ***

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3. [REDACTED] Soviet staff cars occupied by two generals and about five other officers arriving in Craiova on 13 April 1950. The officers stopped about 45 minutes in the Rumanian Army Corps building and then proceeded in a westerly direction. It was rumored that they had come from Constanta (R 53/54/E 71).

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Comment:

* Source mentioned the Craiova headquarters of a Rumanian army corps first in February 1950 and

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referred to it again in March 1950. The information has not been substantiated.

** Troop movements allegedly took place in the area south of Craiova from the middle of February up to the beginning of March 1950. Pertinent reports did not give any clues on the scope and purpose of the movements.

*** The report is the first to mention Soviet troops stationed in the towns concerned.

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